

## SOLD.

### James Moore Springs a New Game on Shiner.

A man said to be James Moore, whose home was formerly near Schulenburg, landed in town last Wednesday and in about two hours had well-nigh bought the town, and yet he didn't have a nickel. He entered Stuerke's saloon and called for a gallon of the best whiskey in the house. Otto drew him the liquor and politely asked him to sample it, according to custom. Mr. Moore drank a glass full of it and smacked his lips. He said "just set the jug over there and I will call in about an hour and get it and pay for it." Needless to say he forgot to return. He then visited each of the other saloons and repeated the performance. Of course, he got a sample drink at each place. At some places he would pretend to not be satisfied with the sample, and it would require three or four drinks to decide which was the best whiskey. He would then direct the jug to be set aside. At Joe Macha's saloon he varied the performance by buying a second-hand wagon. He is a rather slender fellow and has a light moustache. He got only tolerably well dressed, but he is a wonderful talker—a genius in his line.

Having got filled up on whiskey, he started out to buy something big. He called at Williams' lumber yard and wanted to buy a wagon. He said he was prepared to pay cash and a trade was soon struck. He also bought a big bill of paints. He said he had a lot of rent houses to paint. He said he lived over beyond Dilworth where he owned a couple of thousand acres of land. Henry Messer flew around setting up and greasing the wagon and packing up the paints, which was a big job. Feeling good over having made such a big sale, Messer worked hard and sweat terribly. He had to make a couple of trips to town to get cans to put the oil in. To Dick Seydler he said, "Say, Dick, I've just made a big sale, \$71 cash. I sold at good prices, too, and I expect the boss will raise my wages." In about two hours Dick met him again, and noticing that he seemed melancholy and troubled about something inquired, "What's the matter Messer?" Said Messer, "O, its all a mistake about them \$71 cash sales. I'm afraid the boss will cut my wages now."

Meanwhile, Mr. Moore had bought two or three more wagons and had them put up for him. About three o'clock he disappeared and was seen no more. His wife was along with him and made the rounds of the town begging. She said she had a husband and five small children, and wanted to get to them. We do not know how much money she got, but we hear she did well, getting a lot of nickles and dimes.

The man Moore is a queer character. He seems crazy on the question of making false purchases. Two or three years ago he met August Martens and made a contract with him to paint several rent houses out beyond Dilworth. August figured up the work and a price was agreed upon. A day or two after he loaded up a wagon load of paints, brushes and ladders and drove out to Dilworth. He spent a day trying to find out where Mr. Moore's ranch was, but failed to find it and had to come back to town without finding it. Since then he has been laying for Mr. Moore. It was to be regretted that they did not meet Wednesday, as August would have given him what he richly deserved—a good thrashing. August did not leave that he was in town until it was



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too late.

Moore worked Schulenburg the same way some time ago and made Theo. Wolters a present of a span of blooded horses. Of course Mr. Wolters set 'em up several times, but the horses haven't turned up yet. Ernst Goetz can get some interesting items about Mr. Moore by interviewing Mr. Schaeffer, Mr. Wolters and several others about Schulenburg.

ROLL OF HONOR FOR THE WEEK.

FRANK VRAZEL.  
PAUL DISCHER.  
AUG. MLADENKA.  
GUS NOLLKAMPER.

Shiner.

H. D. MOORE.  
BERTHA JANSSEN.  
R. VIVIAL.  
LOUIE RICHTER.

Moulton.

WILLIE TEMPLIN.

Houston.

Eagle.

A Scrap Arranged.

Monday C. I. Jaeggli and Wm. Green were discussing the many good qualities of their son's and the discussion waxed quite warm, each contending that he had the finest boy. Mr. Green's boy, William Dilworth, is about two months old, while Mr. Jaeggli's son and heir is only a week old. Still the latter contended that his boy could whip Mr. Green's boy. Finally they agreed that the boys were too young to fight right, so the following agreement was entered into. Four years from Monday if all the principals in the case are living and well, the two boys will be put in a ten foot ring for a finish fight for \$25 a side. The GAZETTE predicts that when Mrs. Green and Mrs. Jaeggli hear of this the match will be declared off.

A set of lime and cement just received by C. L. WILLIAMS.

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